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Review of the consultative status of non-governmental organizations

Report by the Secretariat

In compliance with decision IDB.45/Dec.16, the present report provides information on the consultative status of non-governmental organizations.

I. Background

1. The Industrial Development Board may accord consultative status to international and national non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in accordance with Article 19.1(b) of the Constitution and the provisions of the guidelines, issued by the General Conference at its first session, for the relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental, and other organizations (GC.1/Dec.41 of 12 December 1985) (the "Guidelines"). The Guidelines set out the criteria and procedure for granting consultative status to NGOs and provide for a periodic review of consultative relations (para. 20 (a) and (b)).

2. In its decision IDB.45/Dec.16, the Board requested "the Secretariat to review the consultative status of non-governmental organizations and report to the Board at its forty-sixth session on the matter."

II. Review by the Secretariat

3. In August 2018, the Secretariat circulated a questionnaire to all NGOs currently in consultative status with UNIDO to assess the status of cooperation over the last three years (2015–2018). The NGOs were asked to return the completed questionnaire by 7 September 2018.

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4. The accompanying letter recalled the provisions of the Guidelines. Paragraph 20 (b) was quoted, by which "the Board may in reviewing the list conclude that an organization in consultative status, which has not shown interest and goodwill in cooperating with UNIDO during a period of three years, may be deemed not to have sufficient interest to warrant the continuance of such a relationship". It also informed NGOs that, should the Secretariat not receive a response indicating the organization's interest in pursuing its cooperation with UNIDO by the deadline provided, the Board may decide to discontinue the consultative status.

5. Of the 79 NGOs currently in consultative status, 16 returned the completed questionnaire, confirming their wish to work with UNIDO and maintain their consultative status. Despite failing to respond to the questionnaire, a further 16 have demonstrated their interest in continuing to cooperate with UNIDO in the past four years: 11 by participating in sessions of the governing bodies of UNIDO and five by concluding a working arrangement with UNIDO. Eleven of the remaining NGOs that failed to respond were either found to be inactive or could no longer be traced.

III. Action required of the Board

6. In accordance with decision GC.1/Dec.41, annex B, paragraph 20 (b), the Board may wish to consider discontinuing the consultative status those 47 NGOs listed in annex I of the present document. The status of the remaining 32 NGOs, listed in annex II, would be maintained.

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Annex I

Name of organization	Abbreviation/ acronym	Authority/ decision	Background information document
All-Russia Market Research Institute	VNIKI	IDB.21/Dec.13	IDB.21/28
Arab Fertilizer Association	AFA	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Arab Iron and Steel Union	AISU	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Association of African Development Finance Institutions	AADFI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
Association "Compagnia delle Opere"	CDO	IDB.21/Dec.13	IDB.21/28
Association of Financial and Industrial Groups of Russia		IDB.19/Dec.6	IDB.19/4
Association of Former United Nations Industry Development Experts	AFIDE	IDB.21/Dec.13	IDB.21/28
Austrian Senior Experts Pool	ASEP	IDB.15/Dec.11	IDB.15/11
Austrian Society for Environment and Technology	ÖGUT	IDB.17/Dec.8	IDB.17/12
Austro-Arab Chamber of Commerce		IDB.24/Dec.12	IDB.24/24
China Chamber of International Commerce	CCOIC	IDB.44/Dec.17	IDB.44/18
Consumers International	CI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Deula-Nienburg (German Academy for Agriculture and Technology)		IDB.19/Dec.6	IDB.19/4/Add.1
European Federation of National Engineering Associations	FEANI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
European Federation of National Maintenance Societies	EFNMS	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
European Organization for Quality	EOQ	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
Institute of Higher Management	ISG	IDB.8/Dec.40	IDB.8/14
International Academy of Technological Sciences		IDB.10/Dec.21	IDB.10/13
International Association for Hydraulic Research	IAHR	IDB.6/Dec.20	IDB.6/4
International Centre for Earth Construction	CRATerre	IDB.6/Dec.20	IDB.6/4
International Chamber of Commerce	ICC	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Committee for Plastics in Agriculture	CIPA	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Council of Graphic Design Associations	ICOGRADA	IDB.8/Dec.40	IDB.8/14
International Council of Societies of Industrial Design	ICSID	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Federation for Heat Treatment and Surface Engineering	IFHTSE	IDB.8/Dec.40	IDB.8/14
International Federation for Information Processing	IFIP	IDB.14/Dec.24	IDB.14/23
International Federation of Agricultural Producers	IFAP	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Federation of Consulting Engineers	FIDIC	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Fertilizer Industry Association	IFA	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Institute of Welding	IIW	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Measurement Confederation	IMECO	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Network for Environmental Management	INEM	IDB.15/Dec.11	IDB.15/11
International Organization of Employers	IOE	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5

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International Professors' Association	IPA	IDB.10/Dec.21	IDB.10/13
International Trade Union Confederation	ITUC	IDB.35/Dec.9	IDB.35/10
International Union of Food Science and Technology	IUFoST	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Union of Leather Technologists and Chemists Societies	IULTCS	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Union of Technical Associations and Organizations	UATI	IDB.2/Dec.19	IDB.2/5
International Union of Testing and Research Laboratories for Materials and Structures	RILEM	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
Latin American Association of Pharmaceutical Industries	ALIFAR	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Latin American Organization of Intermediate Governments	OLAGI	IDB.35/Dec.9	IDB.35/10
Mountain Unlimited (Society for Development and International Cooperation)		IDB.21/Dec.13	IDB.21/28/Add.1
Verein Südwind Entwicklungspolitik		IDB.38/Dec.11	IDB.38/17
World Association for Small and Medium Enterprises	WASME	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
World Federation of Trade Unions	WFTU	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
World Packaging Organization	WPO	IDB.8/Dec.40	IDB.8/14
World Savings Banks Institute	WSBI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1

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Annex II

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AISEC International		IDB.24/Dec.12	IDB.24/24
Arab Federation for Food Industries	AFFI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
AVSI Foundation	AVSI	IDB.41/Dec.16	IDB.41/20
Center for Global Dialogue and Cooperation	CGDC	IDB.41/Dec.16	IDB.41/20
European Union of Public Relations	EUPR	IDB.14/Dec.24	IDB.14/23
Forum Francophone des Affaires	FFA	IDB.34/Dec.4	IDB.34/10
Global Alliance of SMEs	GASME	IDB.40/Dec.9	IDB.40/23
Global Options and Linkages	GOAL	IDB.33/Dec.10	IDB.33/13
International Alliance of Women	IAW	IDB.8/Dec.40	IDB.8/14
International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience	IAESTE	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Association ZNANIE		IDB.24/Dec.12	IDB.24/24
International Centre on Small Hydro Power	ICSMP	IDB.19/Dec.6	IDB.19/4
International Congress of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs	ICIE	IDB.21/Dec.13	IDB.21/28
International Council of Women	ICW	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Electrotechnical Commission	IEC	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
International Federation of Automatic Control	IFAC	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5/Add.1
International Federation of Business and Professional Women	IFBPW	IDB.4/Dec.45	IDB.4/17
International Foundation for the Promotion of Privatization and Foreign Investments	FPI	IDB.11/Dec.36	IDB.11/6
International Gas Union	IGU	IDB.40/Dec.9	IDB.40/20
International Investment Center	IIC	IDB.28/Dec.8	IDB.28/12
International Multiracial Shared Cultural Organization	IMSCO	IDB.17/Dec.8	IDB.17/12
International Network for Small and Medium Sized Enterprises	INSME	IDB.28/Dec.8	IDB.28/12/Add.1
International Organization for Standardization	ISO	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
ISEKI-Food Association	IFA	IDB.38/Dec.11	IDB.38/19
Organization for International Economic Relations	OIER	IDB.39/Dec.10	IDB.39/18
Organization of Islamic Capitals and Cities	OICC	IDB.11/Dec.36	IDB.11/16
Society for International Development	SID	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Society of Chemical Industry	SCI	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
Soroptimist International	SI	IDB.14/Dec.24	IDB.14/23
World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations	WAITRO	IDB.2/Dec.29	IDB.2/5
World Federation of Engineering Organizations	WFEO	IDB.43/Dec.11	IDB.43/17
World Free Zones Organization	World FZO	IDB.44/Dec.17	IDB.44/18